

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE LA PALMA CITY COUNCIL

September 1, 2015

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Kim called the Regular Meeting of the La Palma City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of La Palma City Hall, 7822 Walker Street, La Palma, California.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Pro Tem Goedhart

INVOCATION: Father Rudy Alumam, St. Irenaeus Catholic Church

ROLL CALL: Council and Commission Members

Council/Commission Members present: Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chairperson Goedhart, Council/Commission Member Hwangbo, Mayor/Chairperson Kim, Council/Commission Member Shanahan, and Council/Commission Member Steggell

Council/Commission Members absent: None

City Officials present: Ellen Volmert, City Manager  
Michelle Molko, Assistant City Attorney  
Michael Belknap, Community Services Director  
Douglas Dumhart, Community Development Director  
Laurie Murray, Administrative Services Director/City Clerk  
Eric Nuñez, Police Chief  
Kimberly Kenney, Minutes Clerk

PRESENTATIONS

1. Jane Rippee, representing the La Palma Community Activities and Beautification Committee, Home Spotlight Committee, presented the Quarterly Home Spotlight Award to the home of Al Ezra and Tim Holland, 5458 Houston Avenue, La Palma.

2. Recreation Coordinator jaNell Adams and Recreation Specialist Megan Hana recognized the 2015 Volunteers and, along with Mayor Kim, presented them with Certificates of Recognition and Stipends.

### ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

No members of the public wished to speak.

### RECESS THE CITY COUNCIL AND CONVENE AS THE CITY OF LA PALMA AS SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE DISSOLVED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AT 7:13 P.M.

Administrative Services Director/City Clerk Murray stated, "The City Council will now recess and convene as the Successor Agency to the Dissolved Community Development Commission of the City La Palma, and then recess and convene as the Planning Commission. Members of the La Palma City Council receive no compensation or stipend as a result of convening or participating in either the Successor Agency or Planning Commission meetings, or otherwise as serving as members of the Successor Agency or Planning Commission."

### CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Approval of Successor Agency Minutes

Minutes of the August 18, 2015, Regular Meeting of the Successor Agency.

Mayor Pro Tem Goedhart made a motion to approve Consent Calendar Item A.

The motion was seconded by Council Member Hwangbo and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Mayor Pro Tem Goedhart, Council Member Hwangbo, Mayor Kim, Council Member Shanahan, and Council Member Steggell

NOES: None

### PUBLIC HEARINGS

None Scheduled.

REGULAR ITEMS

- B. Adoption of the Ninth Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule January 1, 2016, to June 30, 2016 (ROPS 15-16B)

Community Development Director Dumhart gave the Staff Report.

Adopt Resolution No. SA 2015-07 approving the Ninth Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule (ROPS 15-16B) - January 1, 2016, to June 30, 2016.

Council Member Hwangbo made a motion to adopt Resolution No. SA 2015-07 approving the Ninth Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule (ROPS 15-16B) - January 1, 2016, to June 30, 2016.

The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Goedhart and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Mayor Pro Tem Goedhart, Council Member Hwangbo, Mayor Kim, Council Member Shanahan, and Council Member Steggell

NOES: None

ADJOURN THE CITY OF LA PALMA AS SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE DISSOLVED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, AND CONVENE AS THE PLANNING COMMISSION AT 7:16 P.M.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- PL-1. Approval of Planning Commission Minutes

Minutes of the August 18, 2015, Regular Meeting of the Planning Commission.

Commission Member Hwangbo made a motion to approve Consent Calendar Item PL-1.

The motion was seconded by Commission Member Steggell and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Vice Chairperson Goedhart, Commission Member Hwangbo, Chairperson Kim, Commission Member Shanahan, and Commission Member Steggell

NOES: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None Scheduled.

REGULAR ITEMS

None Scheduled.

ADJOURN THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND RECONVENE AS THE CITY COUNCIL  
AT 7:17 P.M.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Waive the Reading of All Ordinances  
Waive the reading of all Ordinances in their entirety and read by title only.
2. Approval of Council Minutes  
Minutes of the August 18, 2015, Regular Meeting of the City Council and the Minutes of the August 24, 2015, Special Meeting of the City Council.
3. Approval of Register of Demands  
Resolution No. 2015-39 approving the Register of Demands for September 1, 2015.
4. Water Conservation Monthly Report for July 2015  
Receive and File the Monthly Water Conservation Report for July 2015.

Council Member Shanahan made a motion to approve Consent Calendar Items 1 through 4.

The motion was seconded by Council Member Hwangbo and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Mayor Pro Tem Goedhart, Council Member Hwangbo, Mayor Kim, Council Member Shanahan, and Council Member Steggell

NOES: None

#### ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

##### 5. Purchase of Replacement Vehicles

Mayor Pro Tem Goedhart requested to have the Item pulled from the Consent Calendar to clarify the necessity of replacing two City trucks; questioned the high cost of the replacement vehicles; questioned the need for a larger industrial duty truck; questioned the bid process and whether Staff has done enough costing research; opposition to the purchase during the current budget crisis; and that the expense is not justified.

Community Service Director Belknap responded by clarifying mileage driven versus actual operating time used; that the lighting systems - arrow boards and flashing light bars - used for traffic control measures on the existing trucks are hand-me-downs from older technologies and are not efficient; and that the upgrade from the Ford F250 to the more heavy duty F350 is recommended by Staff to accommodate heavy, large scale equipment like meter boxes, for deliveries and transport that now has to be contracted out.

Discussion ensued regarding the significant cost difference with the State vehicle contracts; that the City Council lacks confidence in the price quoted is the lowest possible; that Staff can conduct more comparison research to ensure the lowest cost; that Staff has to contract out heavy equipment delivery approximately twelve times a year; the difficulty approving the expense during the City's current budget crisis; whether the City could upgrade the existing traffic control lighting systems on the current vehicles; lack of resources for agencies wishing to purchase a quality used vehicle; support for exploring quality used vehicles to purchase to replace the aging vehicles versus making the expenditure for new vehicles; whether the National Joint Powers Alliance's (NPJA's) cost has been competitive compared to other vendors; that the City Council supports efforts to replace an aging vehicle to help Staff, but desires that the replacement be the most prudent purchase; and that Staff is prepared to continue the item until more research can be conducted.

Authorize the purchase of two (2) 2016 Ford Super Duty F-350 Two-Wheel Drive Regular Cab 141" trucks for an amount not to exceed \$96,544.66 from National Auto Fleet Group of Watsonville, California, per the terms outlined in the National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA) Contract number 102811.

Council Member Shanahan made a motion to direct staff to continue the Purchase of Replacement Vehicles Agenda Item to a later date.

The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Goedhart and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Mayor Pro Tem Goedhart, Council Member Hwangbo, Mayor Kim, Council Member Shanahan, and Council Member Steggell

NOES: None

## PUBLIC HEARINGS

None Scheduled.

## REGULAR ITEMS

6. Second Reading and Adoption of an Ordinance of the City of La Palma Amending Chapter 42, Article VII (Conservation and Water Management) of the La Palma Municipal Code

Community Services Director Belknap gave the Staff Report.

Public Comment:

Jose Solorio, Senior Policy Advisor for Nossaman, LLP and representing the Association of Pool and Spa Professionals, addressed the City Council regarding support of the City's leadership to conserve water; strong concerns for the strict pool fill/refill policy because it is a de facto moratorium to pool construction; that there are other ways pool owners can conserve water; that this impacts the Pool industry; and a request for modification to Stage III restrictions regarding the element of filling/refilling a swimming pool.

Council Comments and Questions:

Discussion ensued regarding the City currently being in Stage II; that if the drought continues, the State can increase the City's reduction requirement from 20%; that the Ordinance does not put a moratorium on Pool construction, but under Stage III, pools cannot be filled or refilled, therefore being a de facto moratorium on swimming pools; that during Stage II, City Council and Staff has revisited the matter on numerous occasions; that the City can always make modifications or amendments to the Ordinance in the future; and support to approve the Ordinance as presented.

Adopt Ordinance No. 2015-03 of the City of La Palma amending Chapter 42, Article VII of the Municipal Code Regarding Conservation and Water Management.

Mayor Pro Tem Goedhart made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2015-05 of the City of La Palma Amending Chapter 42, Article VII (Conservation and Water Management) of the La Palma Municipal Code as presented by Staff.

The motion was seconded by Council Member Steggell and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Mayor Pro Tem Goedhart, Council Member Hwangbo, Mayor Kim, Council Member Shanahan, and Council Member Steggell

NOES: None

COUNCILMEMBER AB1234 REPORTS, REPORTS FROM CITY-AFFILIATED COMMITTEES, AND COUNCIL REMARKS

**Council Member Shanahan** had nothing to report.

**Council Member Steggell** attended the Concert in the Park.

**Council Member Hwangbo** had nothing to report.

**Mayor Pro Tem Goedhart** attended the Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA) Board of Directors meeting.

**Mayor Kim** attended the Concert in the Park; a special Labor meeting; visited the Innovation Institute; the Fullerton Union High School District (FUHSD) meeting; the Orange County Sanitation District (OCSD) monthly meeting; and the West Orange County Legislative Mixer.

CITY MANAGER REMARKS

**City Manager Volmert** congratulated Police Chief Nunez on his completion of the 18-month Law Enforcement Command College Leadership course, and announced that Chief Nunez was selected by his classmates to be the speaker at the graduation ceremony; and that his thesis is going to be published in the Journal of Law Enforcement.

CITY ATTORNEY REMARKS

**Assistant City Attorney Molko** had nothing to report.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Kim adjourned the Regular Meeting of the La Palma City Council at 7:49 p.m.

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Peter L. Kim  
Mayor

Attest:

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Laurie A. Murray, CMC  
City Clerk